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Statement on Transgender Day of Remembrance

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There is no place for hate in America and no one should be discriminated against simply for being themselves. Today, on Transgender Day of Remembrance, we are reminded that there is more to do meet that promise, as we grieve the 26 transgender Americans whose lives were taken this year. While each one of these deaths is a tragedy, the true toll of those victimized is likely even higher, with the majority of those targeted being women of color.

It's unacceptable, and it's why my administration has taken action to strengthen the rights and protect the safety of transgender and all LGBTQI+ Americans. My administration ended the ban on transgender Americans serving our country, and I signed historic executive action to strengthen civil rights protections for all LGBTQI+ Americans. The Department of Homeland Security, with support from the Department of Justice and the Department of Health and Human Services, have launched the LGBTQI+ Community Safety Partnership that works hand-in-hand with LGBTQI+ community organizations to provide critical safety resources. We must never be silent in the face of hate. As we mourn the loss of transgender Americans taken too soon this year, we must also recommit ourselves to never stop fighting until all Americans can live free from discrimination.

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